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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 273959US26XPCT U.S. APPLICATION NO. (Unknown, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/16091	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 16 December 2003	PRIORITY DATE 17 December 17, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION  
**LID APPARATUS AND VACUUM CONTAINER APPARATUS****MAIL STOP PCT**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C.
  - a.  is attached hereto.
  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a.  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information**

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A preliminary amendment.
14.  An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15.  A substitute specification.
16.  A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18.  A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19.  A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20.  Other items or information:  
**Notice of Priority      Request for Consideration of Documents Cited in International Search Report  
Drawings (6 sheets)      International Search Report**

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The following fees are submitted:				
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee .....		\$300		
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All other situations .....		\$200		
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....		\$100		
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Total claims	12	- 20 = 0	x \$50.00	\$ <b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>				<b>= \$ 900.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 900.00</b>				
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: PCT Transmittal Letter/Credit Card Payment Form for \$940.00/Application Data Sheet Form PTO-1595/Assignment/Notice of Priority/Request for Consideration Specification/Drawings (6 Sheets)/Declaration/International Search Report

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